

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Presentation of the Lord

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Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.



On February 2nd, Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA across America celebrate Scout Sunday to honor a Scout's "Duty to God" and their commitment to the Scout Law, which states, "A Scout is Reverent." This annual celebration highlights how Scouting fosters strong character and essential life skills for developing ethical leaders within our families, churches, and communities. Through Scouting, participants learn self-reliance, problem-solving, leadership through experience, community service, and respect for all individuals.

Cub Scout Pack 163 has 40 registered Cub Scouts, while Boy Scout Troop 163 has 20 registered Scouts. Both our active Pack and Troop hold weekly meetings at St. Rita Church.

For more information about Scout Troop or Pack 163 please email Srspack163@gmail.com.

**St. Rita
needs you!**

**Can you spare your Time
and Talent to count our
Treasure?**

Do you have about 90 minutes on a Monday morning once a month?

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with our collection counting teams. You will work in teams of 3 to count and deposit our weekly collections.

**If you can help or want more information please reach out to
Kasey @ Kasey.Baker@dor.org
544-8889 ext.2118.**

**Over the Jubilee Year,
we will explore the themes
of Hope, Pilgrimage, and
Jubilee, always ending with
a question for you to
consider over the week.**



Simeon is a prime example of the virtue of Hope. In today's gospel, the miracle he had hoped his entire life to witness came to pass. Even though it took so long, he never lost hope that he would see the messiah, nor should we.

Pondering Point

When have you had a hope fulfilled, but it took longer than you hoped? Did the patience pay off?

This year, Pope Francis has invited specific groups to join the Jubilee through particular gatherings and celebrations.

Next weekend, the Pope, as invited all those involved in the armed forces, police, & security in particular to observe a jubilee celebration.

At St. Rita, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

Ford Christopher Skipper
Makenzie Elaine Colway
Adelynn Kathleen Gamble

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. at 8:15am & Thurs. at 6:00pm
Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:15am
Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 1/2

SCOUTS, LEADERS, & THEIR FAMILIES
 JOSEPHINE DELUCA - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 JACK PECORA - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa
 ALLEN YARTON - By Wife Carol

Blessing of the Throats immediately following all Masses this weekend.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast at St. Rita
 10:30AM **CL** Scout Sunday at Mass
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1
 11:45 AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

8:15AM MARY HEGEDORN - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM & 6:00PM Faith Formation Family Night - Church
 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

8:15AM MARILYN FRANZ - By Family Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 7:00PM O.C.I.A Meeting - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM ANNE MELI - By Grandchildren Mass
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

8:15AM TED VOIGHT - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM **SF** Mass
 6:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screenings - Greeting Area

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 8/9

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 MARY NUGENT - By Annamarie Samperi
 GEORGE MAYNARD - By Trinity Council #4618
 INTENTIONS OF DAVID & EVELYN POWE AND FAMILY
 - By Lynn Fulmore

Please keep all our young parishioners who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this week in your prayers.

Reflections on Readings for the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple

"The Child's Father And Mother Were Amazed At What Was Said About Him"

This Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple. It occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus (Dec. 25) and fulfilled the Mosaic Law of presenting the newborn first male child to God in the temple. In a sense, this feast highlights the priesthood of Christ as it marks the significance of the Messiah's first entrance into the temple.



In our first reading ([Malachi 3:1-4](#)), the Prophet Malachi foretells the coming of John the Baptist, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me as well as the time when the Messiah himself will enter the temple, and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts." Malachi also warned that this would be a time of judgement and purification of liturgical abuses. This was indeed seen as Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple and criticized their lack of proper respect for the Father's house.

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 2:14-18](#)), we learn that, in order to "expiate the sins of the people", Jesus shared in our blood and flesh that "he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil." Jesus "had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God".

In our Gospel reading ([Luke 2:22-40](#)), we hear the story of Mary and Joseph's presentation of Jesus to God in the temple, as the Law of Moses had required of them. They offered for sacrifice a pair of turtle doves because they were too poor to afford the prescribed year-old lamb. During this ceremony, we hear the beautiful canticle of Simeon, as he recognized the baby Jesus as the "Christ of the Lord, the long-awaited Messiah," "...and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to Him, Simeon took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples..." We also hear of the prophetess Anna, "And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020225.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from February 3 – February 9 in loving memory of Anne Meli by Grandchildren.

**LINEN CLEANING: FEBRUARY 2
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SPRINGTIME GLASS PIN MAKING

**Thursday, February 13th
1:00pm in Room 1**

Seniors and Retirees! Please join us for a Springtime Glass Pin Making event with artist Dan Hohl. We will work on this beautiful jewelry (no experience necessary!) and enjoy each other's company and refreshments.

Make one for yourself or as a gift to someone you love!

Please RSVP on the Sign Up Sheet in the Greeting Area or email: June.frosino@dor.org

Stay tuned for more events in the coming months!



Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering **Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, February 8 & 9 in Room 1.**



**Do you like to knit or crochet?
Come and join us!**

**Tuesday, February 4
10:30am - 12:00pm in Room 1**



Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support. We also give small white knitted blankets to each of our recently baptized children. If you are able to share your time and talent please join us here or make an item at home and leave it in the greeting area in Church.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 ext. 103.

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.

Celebrating the 4th Anniversary of our Racial Justice Ministry

Four years ago, St. Rita Parish embarked on a new venture with our Racial Justice Ministry (RJM). It was sparked by the Catholic Church's mission to embody the Gospel's call to love and serve all people, promoting the dignity of every individual. The Church teaches that all humans are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27), which compels us to confront systemic injustices that undermine this truth.

In an increasingly divided world, our Racial Justice Ministry has provided a prophetic voice, advocating for equity and understanding among all people. The RJM team has engaged in a variety of education, awareness, advocacy, and outreach programs, helping our community recognize the realities of racism and its impact on marginalized groups. Our desire is that, by fostering dialogue and understanding, this ministry can promote much needed healing and reconciliation, aligning with Christ's mission of love.

This year promises to bring even more exciting opportunities to engage in God's work! With continued collaboration with Immaculate Conception Parish and the Rochester Black Catholic Coalition, continued education through the "Blessed Among Us" biographies posted on the entrance to the church, guest speakers, witness talks and prayerful gatherings, our desire is that St. Rita Parish will continue to cultivate an environment where all voices are heard and valued.

If this has ignited a flame within you, we would ask that you prayerfully consider joining us at one of our monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in Room 1.

Lastly, the Racial Justice Ministry, and other ministries (i.e. Holy Beginnings LGBTQ+ Outreach, Homeless Ministry, Refugee Services) are essential for nurturing a faith community that reflects the love of Christ and advocates for the marginalized. It is how we live our parish mission statement:

Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire and serve with love.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Jim



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Judith Pellitteri
Mother of Jane Murray

From the desk of the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry...



Howard Thurman

Howard Washington Thurman (1899 - 1981) was an African American author, philosopher, theologian, Christian mystic, educator, and civil rights leader. He was born into an all-black community in Daytona Beach, Florida and was raised by his grandmother Nancy, who as a young woman, was a slave during the Civil War. Thurman studied for ministry at the Rochester NY Theological Seminary from 1923 - 1927.

Howard Thurman was known for his profound influence on the Civil Rights movement through his philosophy of nonviolence and deep spirituality, particularly on figures like Martin Luther King Jr. Thurman's most impactful work was "Jesus and the Disinherited," which examined Jesus' teachings through the lens of the marginalized, highlighting the relevance of his message to Black Americans. As a dean at Howard University and Boston University, he promoted interracial dialogue and co-founded one of the first interracial churches in the United States. Thurman's life and teachings emphasized the importance of inner peace, community building, and seeking "common ground" across racial divides.

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays Every Month

Thursday February 6th

**Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)
Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm
in Room 1**

Potential Topics: What would you like the clergy and others to hear? Ideas for Lenten reflection?

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue, to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org
Contact us: holybeginningsrochester@gmail.com

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LPI Brett Burt
585-208-0678
bburt@4pi.com

family night

Sacrament B I N G O

Monday, February 3
4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

Test your Sacrament knowledge - and your luck for prizes!

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions?
Contact anne.thomasedor.org



If you made a flower donation this year and would like a red poinsettia to take home, please contact Kathy R. at **585-410-0808** to check availability.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS



**FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGES!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 5PM**

We want to make a home for all here at St. Rita, including our members and neighbors who are neurodivergent, have developmental disabilities, or who find our usual Masses overwhelming due to sensory needs. This Mass is for you - or someone you know! Come join us or share the news with a neighbor who needs a more relaxed environment.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

GOAL \$146,000 PLEDGES \$160,462.52

We are at 110% of our goal from 426 households.*

**UPDATED AS OF 1/27/24*

FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Let's do dinner!
Bring a dish to share.
Scan the QR code to let us know what you are bringing.

<https://tinyurl.com/gamenightsjanfeb2025>

GAME Nights

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6-8 PM in Room 1**

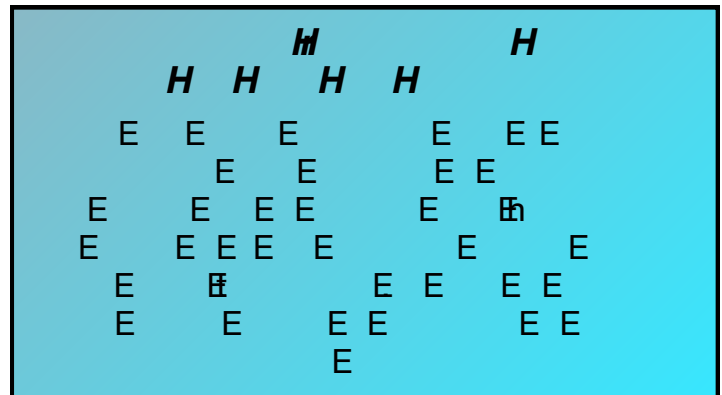
Bring your favorite game or learn something new!



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- We had a fantastic week of celebrating Catholic Schools Week and our beloved SRS! All students and staff had fun during all of the thematic days, activities, and extra special SRS traditions.
- Report cards for the 2nd quarter were distributed this week. It is hard to believe half the year is already over. We are SO proud of our God Drops for all their hard work in the classroom and are grateful to our wonderful teachers for their dedication and passion to their helping their students learn and grow.
- We hope everyone enjoyed their midweek day off on Wednesday in observance of the Lunar New Year.



FAITH!

Youth Group

FUN!

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday
February
2nd & 9th

Join
us!

7th-12th
Grade

4-5PM
in
Room 1

St. Rita's Youth Group is a place for teens to grow in faith, community, and service. Explore multiple ways to live out your faith and connect with peers! Our fun and welcoming environment will help you grow no matter where you are on your faith journey. We look forward to meeting you!

...AND FOOD!



WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners who provide items and support to the outreach ministries serving those most in need in the Webster area and near downtown Rochester. These ministries are most grateful for our continued help!



Please bring donations of non-perishable items to St. Rita and place them in or near the shopping cart in our church Greeting Area whenever the church is open for Mass.

We continue to distribute items to the following:

St. Peters Soup Kitchen
PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611
<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
PO Box 31049, Rochester, NY 14603
<http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/>

Webster HOPE
1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580
<http://www.websternyhope.org>

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE January/February Wish List:

Ground Coffee
Tea & Hot Chocolate
Flour & Sugar
Cooking Oil
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.)
Jarred Pasta Sauce
Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup
Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets



FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE NOTE!

If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled.

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?



Please let us know through our Website Link "Join the Parish" if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



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